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MISSION COVERAGE INDEX

25X MISSIONS ☐ 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, & 1005
24 MAY 1964



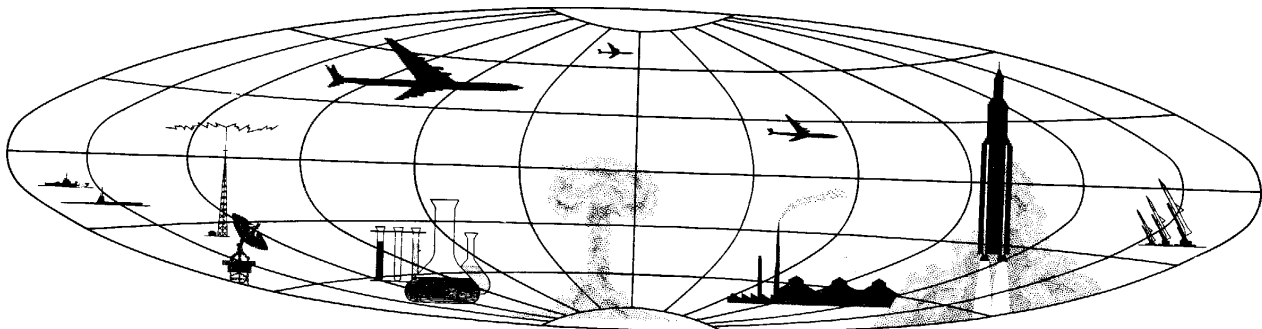
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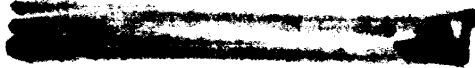


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PREFACE

THIS MISSION COVERAGE INDEX (MCI) LISTS THE INTELLIGENCE TARGETS IMAGED ON THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] MISSIONS 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004 AND 1005 DATED 24 MAY 64 COVERING LAOS, SOUTH VIETNAM AND NORTH VIETNAM. ITEMS ARE ARRANGED IN SECTIONS --

SECTION I PROVIDES SHORT DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TARGETS SHOWING CHANGES, AND ALSO PROVIDES ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION.

SECTION II PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH REFLECT NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES FROM THE MOST ADEQUATE PREVIOUS DESCRIPTION. THE MCI IN WHICH THIS DESCRIPTION APPEARS IS DESIGNATED BY THE APPROPRIATE MISSION NUMBER, PREFIXED BY THE LETTERS NAC AND APPEARING AS THE LAST ENTRY ON THE PHOTO REFERENCE LINE. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WHERE THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN FACILITIES AND WHERE NO ORDER OF BATTLE CAN BE DETERMINED ARE LISTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION III PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED.

TARGETS IN EACH OF THE SECTIONS ARE ARRANGED 1) BY COUNTRY, 2) WITHIN THE COUNTRY ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, 3) WITHIN THE SUBJECT BY WAC AREA, AND 4) WITHIN THE WAC AREA BY

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GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES IN ASCENDING ORDER.
AN EXPLANATION OF COLUMN HEADINGS AND PHOTO
REFERENCES USED IN PRESENTING THE INFORMATION
IS CONTAINED IN THE APPENDIX. THE MAP BASE
USED (WHEN AVAILABLE) FOR THE DERIVATION OF
COORDINATES IN THIS MCI IS THE LATEST EDITION
OF THE AMS SERIES L509, SCALE 1:250,000.

THE USER OF THIS MCI IS CAUTIONED THAT THE
SCAN OF PHOTOGRAPHY WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN A
RELATIVELY SHORT TIME AND OFTEN WITHOUT THE
AID OF PRECISE ANALYTICAL AND MENSURAL
TECHNIQUES COMMONLY EMPLOYED IN DETAILED
PHOTOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS. CONSEQUENTLY, ALTHOUGH
THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HEREIN IS
ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE, ADDITIONAL, DETAILED
ANALYSIS MAY SOMEWHAT ALTER PORTIONS OF THE
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SECTION I

THIS SECTION PROVIDES SUMMARY INFORMATION FOR A) NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS, B) PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TARGETS WHICH SHOW A CHANGE, AND C) ALL TARGETS SHOWING ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION.

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Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
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ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST				
NORTH VIETNAM				
ON [REDACTED] A PARKED CONVOY OF 5 CARGO TRUCKS (ONE CAMOUFLAGED AND ONE CONTAINING POL DRUMS) POINTED SOUTH ON ROUTE 12 IN MU GIA PASS (17-40N 105-46E) WAS OBSERVED.				
ON [REDACTED] AN 11-TRUCK CONVOY ON ROUTE 12 HEADING NORTH ON NORTH SIDE OF THE MILITARY CAMP IN MU GIA PASS AND A 12-TRUCK CONVOY HEADING NORTH ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CAMP WERE OBSERVED. (SEE MU GIA PASS, MILITARY CAMP.)				
LAOS				
TWO CAMOUFLAGED VEHICLES OBSERVED HEADING SOUTH ON ROUTE 12A IMMEDIATELY WEST OF BAN PHAN HOP AIRFIELD (17-32N 105-44E). (SEE BAN PHAN HOP AIRFIELD.)				
-LAOS-				
AIR INSTALLATIONS				
BAN THAM LAY AIRFIELD				
.5 NM EAST OF BAN THAM LAY.				
APPROXIMATELY 2,300 X 130 FT NW/SE RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE.				
THREE BUILDINGS OBSERVED IN TREES WEST OF RUNWAY. NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.				
AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.				
[REDACTED]				
BAN PHAN HOP AIRFIELD				
IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF BAN PHAN HOP AND 9 NM SW				

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OF THE LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AT UTM WE792397. 2,500 X 100 FT NNW/SSE SOD RUNWAY, UNSERVICEABLE. FACILITIES INCLUDE ONE SMALL SHED IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE NNW END OF THE RUNWAY. NUMEROUS TRACKS OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE AREA AND CROSSING THE RUNWAY. POLES HAVE BEEN ERECTED ACROSS THE MIDDLE OF THE FIELD TO RENDER IT UNSERVICEABLE. TWO CAMOUFLAGED VEHICLES OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] HEADING SOUTH ON ROUTE 12A IMMEDIATELY WEST OF AIRFIELD. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. [REDACTED]				
BAN NA VENG AIRFIELD .5 NM NORTH OF BAN NA VENG AT UTM WE212458. 2,000 X 50 FT NW/SE SOD LANDING STRIP, SERVICEABLE. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. [REDACTED]	1737N 10511E	0617		380-A
BAN SI NHO AREA, AIRFIELD 2.4 NM SE OF BAN SI NHO.	1748N 10505E	0617		399-A

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2,700 X 100 FT ENE/WSW SOD RUNWAY, UNSERVICEABLE. FACILITIES INCLUDE 2 BUILDINGS AND AN UNOCCUPIED 6-GUN AAA SITE ON NORTH SIDE OF RUNWAY. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. [REDACTED]				
LAK SAO AIRFIELD ONE NM SOUTH OF LAK SAO. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE [REDACTED] AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. [REDACTED]	1811N 10459E	0617		113
NAPE AREA, LANDING AREA .5 NM WEST OF NAPE AT UTM WF091237. APPROXIMATELY 3,000 X 400 FT SOD LANDING AREA (WITH POT HOLES), APPARENTLY ABANDONED. NO FACILITIES OBSERVED. AN ABANDONED STRONGPOINT WITH 2 DESTROYED BUILDINGS OBSERVED IMMEDIATELY ACROSS ROAD. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. [REDACTED]	1818N 10505E	0617		118

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<p>MILITARY INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>MUONG NONG, MILITARY CAMPS THREE SMALL AREAS ON NORTH EDGE OF MUONG NONG.</p> <p>AREA A (NORTH EDGE OF MUONG NONG AT UTM XD602103) -- RECTANGULAR UNSECURED AREA CONTAINS 4 HUTS SURROUNDED BY AN OLD PROBABLY ABANDONED TRENCH SYSTEM.</p> <p>AREA B (IMMEDIATELY EAST OF AREA A AT UTM XD604100) -- RECTANGULAR FENCED AREA, APPARENTLY A TEMPLE AREA, CONTAINS 2 BUILDINGS (ONE BADLY DETERIORATED) AND A TRENCH SYSTEM.</p> <p>AREA C (IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF AREA A AT UTM XD604104) -- AREA HAS BEEN RAZED. FIVE BUILDING FOUNDATIONS REMAIN.</p> <div></div>	1622N 10630E	0617		191
<p>MAHAXAY, MILITARY AREA ON SOUTH EDGE OF MAHAXAY AT UTM WE213249. ENTRENCHED AREA CONTAINS ONE LARGE MULTIWING ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ONE SMALL SUPPORT BUILDING AND 5 SMALL SHEDS.</p> <div></div>	1725N 10511E	0617		368

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 10px;"></div> <p>BAN BOUNG BAU AREA, MILITARY AREAS BAN BOUNG BAU VICINITY (AREAS REFERENCED FROM BAN BOUNG BAU).</p> <p>AREA A (.3 NM SW AT UTM WE243423) -- 5 SUPPORT-TYPE BUILDINGS WITH NUMEROUS U-SHAPED REVETMENTS.</p> <p>AREA B (.3 NM WNW AT UTM WE239427) -- 7 BARRACKS-TYPE BUILDINGS AND EXTENSIVE TRACK ACTIVITY.</p> <p>AREA C (.8 NM WSW AT UTM WE230420) -- 14 STORAGE-TYPE BUILDINGS AND EXTENSIVE TRACK ACTIVITY.</p> <p>AREA D (.6 NM SE AT UTM WE253420) -- 9 BARRACKS IN A WOODED AREA.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 80px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>	1734N 10514E	0617		369
<p>BAN NHOMMARATH KEO AREA, AAA SITE 2 NM NNW OF BAN NHOMMARATH KEO AT UTM WE174500. ONE UNOCCUPIED 6-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE OBSERVED.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 80px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>	1738N 10510E	0617		365-B
<p>BAN DONG AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY .2 NM NW OF BAN DONG ON THE WEST SIDE OF</p>	1744N 10507E	0617		476-C

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ROAD AT UTM WE128625. ONE LARGE AND ONE SMALL BUILDING ENCLOSED BY A CIRCULAR RING OF FOXHOLES. RINGS OF RECENT TRACK ACTIVITY EVIDENT IN IMMEDIATE AREA. OTHER SIGNS OF TRENCHING, FOXHOLES AND RECENT TRACK ACTIVITY OBSERVED 4 NM SOUTH ON ROUTE 8. <div></div>				
LAK SAO ARMY BARRACKS JUST SE OF LAK SAO AT UTM VF975111. RECTANGULAR TRENCHED AREA CONTAINS 2 BARRACKS, ONE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 3 SUPPORT BUILDINGS, THE FRAMEWORKS AND FOUNDATIONS OF 5 FORMER BUILDINGS, AND SCARS FROM AT LEAST 3 FORMER BUILDINGS. THREE UNOCCUPIED AW POSITIONS AND 2 POL DRUMS OBSERVED IN THE AREA. NO OTHER ACTIVITY OBSERVED. A POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED AREA JUST NORTH ON NORTH SIDE OF ROUTE 8 CONTAINS 9 BUILDINGS. TRENCH ENCLOSED STRONGPOINT .8 NM NNE AT UTM VF981120 CONTAINS 4 SMALL BUILDINGS. A SECOND STRONGPOINT JUST NE AT UTM VF982121 CONTAINS 3 BUILDINGS DISPERSED IN WOODS AND AN EXTENSIVE TRENCH SYSTEM. <div></div>	1811N 10459E	0617	<div></div>	113-A
NAPE AREA, MILITARY AREA APPROXIMATELY 2 NM SE OF NAPE AT UTM WF100235. ENTRENCHED HILL OBSERVED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH	1819N 10504E	0617		118-A

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<p>OF ROAD WITH 4 BUILDINGS IN AREA. NO OTHER MILITARY ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>BASIC SERVICES</p> <p>BAN LANG KHANG, REST/REFUEL/SUPPLY POINT IMMEDIATELY NORTH AND EAST OF BAN LANG KHANG IN A WOODED AREA AT UTM WE781410. STORAGE SITE CONTAINS 2 BUILDINGS AND POSSIBLE OPEN STORAGE. A RECTANGULAR TRENCH SYSTEM IS LOCATED AT UTM WE776415, AND A POSSIBLE STORAGE SITE, APPROXIMATELY ONE NM NORTH OF BAN LANG KHANG AT UTM WE771427, CONTAINS 11 BUILDINGS. VEHICULAR TRACK ACTIVITY OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE AREA.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>-NORTH VIETNAM-</p> <p>MILITARY INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>MU GIA PASS, MILITARY CAMP MILITARY CAMP AT UTM WE815534 APPROXIMATELY 5.5 NM SOUTH OF DON BAI BINH ON ROUTE 12 AT THE NORTH VIETNAM/LAOS BORDER. AREA CONTAINS ONE LARGE AND 2 SMALL (ONE UNDER CONSTRUCTION) TILE-ROOFED ADMINISTRATION/</p>	<p>1734N 10543E</p> <p>1740N 10546E</p>	<p>0617</p> <p>0617</p>		<p>199-D</p> <p>116-A</p>

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<p>BARRACKS BUILDINGS, 11 THATCH-ROOFED BARRACKS, 3 ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS, AND APPROXIMATELY 15 STORAGE BUILDINGS. DEFENSES INCLUDE NUMEROUS TRENCHES AND AW POSITIONS. TWO UNLOADED CARGO TRUCKS PARKED IN THE AREA. A PARKED, APPARENTLY ABANDONED CONVOY POINTED NORTH CONSISTS OF 9 CARGO TRUCKS AND 3 BTR-40S. A PARKED CONVOY POINTED SOUTH CONSISTS OF 5 CARGO TRUCKS, ONE CAMOUFLAGED AND ONE CONTAINING POL DRUMS AND AN ATTACHED LOADING RAMP. AN 11-TRUCK CONVOY HEADING NORTH, NORTH OF THE CAMP, AND A 12-TRUCK CONVOY HEADING NORTH, SOUTH OF THE CAMP.</p> <div></div>				
<p>DON BAI DINH AREA, MILITARY CAMP SOUTH 2.5 NM SOUTH OF DON BAI DINH ON EAST SIDE OF ROUTE 12 AT UTM WE821592. ONLY FRAMEWORK OF BARRACKS-TYPE BUILDING REMAINS IN THE TRENCH SYSTEM.</p> <div></div>	1744N 10546E	0617		228-B
<p>DON BAI DINH, MILITARY CAMP AT DON BAI DINH ON ROUTE 12. MILITARY CAMP CONTAINS 13 BARRACKS IN MAIN AREA ON WEST SIDE OF ROUTE 12. APPROXIMATELY 500 FT EAST ON A NEW ROAD OFF ROUTE 12 IS A WAREHOUSE. APPROXIMATELY 400 FT SOUTH ON</p>	1745N 10546E	0617		228-C

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<p>EAST SIDE OF ROUTE 12 ARE 2 BARRACKS. APPROXIMATELY 1,000 FT SOUTH ON ROUTE 12 IS A SMALL SECURED OPEN STORAGE AREA. TWENTY-FIVE SMALL BUILDINGS ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE AREA AND ARE PROBABLY USED FOR TROOP BILLETING. SIX TRUCKS OBSERVED IN THE MAIN AREA.</p>				
<p>DON BAI DINH AREA, MILITARY CAMP NORTH 0.5 NM NORTH OF DON BAI DINH ON EAST SIDE OF ROUTE 12 AT UTM WE827644. ALL BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN RAZED, ONLY THE TRENCHES REMAIN.</p>	1746N 10546E	0617		228
<p>-SOUTH VIETNAM-</p> <p>AIR INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>A LUOI AIRFIELD IN A LUOI. TWO SERVICEABLE RUNWAYS -- APPROXIMATELY 3,800 X 60 FT N/S PIERCED STEEL PLANK, AND 1,600 X 100 FT NW/SE GRADED EARTH. NO SUPPORT FACILITIES OBSERVED. TRIANGULAR</p>	1616N 10714E	0617		263

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FORT OBSERVED ADJACENT TO INSTALLATION. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. <div></div>				

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SECTION II

THIS SECTION PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH REFLECT NO CHANGE IN FACILITIES FROM PREVIOUS TARGET DESCRIPTION. THE MISSION NUMBER SHOWN ON THE PHOTO REFERENCE LINE (E.G., NAC 9000) REFERS TO THE MCI WHICH CONTAINS THE MOST ADEQUATE DESCRIPTION OF THAT TARGET. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WHERE NO ORDER OF BATTLE CAN BE DETERMINED ARE LISTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

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<div>-LAOS-</div> <div>MILITARY INSTALLATIONS</div> <div>BAN THONG LOUAN, MILITARY AREA</div> <div></div> <div>BAN NA VENG AREA, MILITARY AREA</div> <div></div> <div>BAN NHOMMARATH KEO, MILITARY AREA</div> <div></div>	1736N 10511E	0617		215
	1737N 10514E	0617		380
	1738N 10509E	0617		365

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SECTION III

THIS SECTION PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED.

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<p>-LAOS-</p> <p>MILITARY INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>BAN NA HI MILITARY AREA</p> <div></div>	1727N 10523E	0617		377

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APPENDIX

COLUMN HEADINGS

City, Installation--This column contains the name of the city or town nearest the installation, followed by the name of the installation. If the name of the installation is not known, it is titled according to its function. Where appropriate, the city and installation names are followed by a capsule description.

Coordinates--Coordinates are referenced to the SW corner of the minute square. When the subject installation covers a wide area, coordinates are given for the approximate center of the installation.

WAC--This column provides the World Aeronautical Chart number for that area in which the subject installation is situated.

Installation Numbers--This column is divided into two subcolumns. The first subcolumn lists, when known, the BE installation number assigned to the installation. The second subcolumn lists the installation number assigned by NPIC. Installation numbers, when used to reference an item, should be prefixed by the appropriate WAC number, since installation numbers are repeated from WAC to

WAC. For example, there is an NPIC target number 0499-15-A and an NPIC target number 0498-15-A. In each instance, the NPIC installation number is 15-A, but the installations appear on different WAC charts.

COMOR TARGET NUMBERS

Target numbers assigned by the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR), when available, are listed directly above the photo reference data.

PHOTO REFERENCE DATA

The photo reference data indicates the frame(s) on which the installation appears.

CONDITIONS AFFECTING PHOTOGRAPHY

Following the photo reference data, symbols indicate conditions which affect the appearance of the installation on the photography. The symbols are: C (clear); SC (scattered clouds); HC (heavy clouds); SC-HC (scattered-to-heavy clouds); H (haze); CS (cloud shadow); SD (semi-darkness); O (obliquity); and PQ (poor image quality).

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